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## **National Guard Soldiers Deploy to Iraq**

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** – A farewell ceremony for California Army National Guard Soldiers from Los Angeles based C Company 3-160 Infantry will be held tomorrow at the San Diego Armory, 7401 Mesa College Drive, CA 92111, at noon. A family picnic will follow the brief ceremony.

Approximately 170 Soldiers from throughout California are deploying to Iraq for a one-year tour. The unit will conduct intensive post-mobilization training at Ft. Dix before deploying to southern Iraq where they will provide convoy security.

More than 20 of these Soldiers have already been mobilized before and have volunteered for this second deployment to Iraq. “This is a real testament to the volunteer spirit of our citizen-soldiers,” says unit commander Maj. John Mendoza of West Covina. “These volunteers have a real commitment to duty.”

Media are invited to attend. Contact Sergeant Eric Lichtenberg at 878-573-7047 for event details. Contact Maj. Daniel Markert at 916-854-3304 for media inquiries.